

S'more News

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110th Birthday

Girl Scouts are celebrating 110 years this year. We have some exciting things planned for current and new members!

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Girl Scout Week Patch Program

Girl Scouts are celebrating



The Girl Scout Movement is celebrating a big birthday this year and we have a lot of fun planned for it. During Girl Scout Week, Girl Scouts are able to earn the 110 Anniversary patch through many fun learning activities. Learn how to earn the patch [here!](#)

Girl Scout + Kappa Delta

Girl Scouts are invited to join the George Mason Kappa Delta chapter for a self-care event on Saturday, February 26th at 12:00-1:00 p.m. This event will be held on the George Mason University campus in Horizon Hall, room 2014.

This event is an opportunity for Brownies and Juniors to visit George Mason University and learn about the importance of self-care. The Kappa Delta

chapter will share their knowledge about self-care and the confidence that comes from practicing it. During the event Girl Scouts will play a game of Self-Care Bingo to give the girls a chance to learn about specific self-care practices and craft their own snow globes. The snow globes made can be used as a stress ball. Join us for a day of learning, crafting and fun!



Troop Link on the Cookie Locator App

If your troop is interested in having your link for direct ship appear in the Cookie Locator App, your troop will need to opt in. The GSUSA Troop Link is now live. You can do this with these easy steps:

1. Log into Smart Cookies
2. Under your troop dashboard click on "My Troop"
3. Click on "Troop Information"
4. Scroll down to find the option - It will appear just before "Primary Contact for the Troop"
5. It will ask "Publish Troop's Direct ship Link to GSUSA?"
6. Check yes if you would like your troop's direct link to appear in the Cookie Locator App

Booth Brigade is Back



Last year we launched our Booth Brigade and it was a hit! Due to the overwhelming success of last year's Booth Brigade, we are bringing it back for another year. Here are some important reminders:

1. All booths must be listed in Smart Cookies to qualify.
2. If you place a planned order for at least 25 cases in March you will receive a troop booth kit.
3. If the planned order is 55 cases or more, you will qualify for delivery of those cookies to the place of your choosing.
4. All troops that hold FOUR booths during March 4th-27th will be invited to a special event held at Camp Pamunkey Ridge.

You can find more information on the Be Courageous Booth Brigade [here!](#)

Kayla the Koala

Kayla the Koala is an adorable super-sized plush who will go home with the girl who has the highest number of Direct Ship sales during the 2022 Cookie Program. We will announce the winner of Kayla the Koala on April 15th. Remember, girls can accept direct ship orders through April 1st.



Our discounted shipping on Direct Ship orders starts in just THREE days! Discounted shipping is available from February 26th - March 12th. Direct Ship orders of six or more packages will receive a 50% discount on shipping.

First Cookie Payment

Your troop's first payment for cookies will be drafted from your troop bank account on Wednesday, March 9th. The Smart Cookies system calculates the payment amount by pulling the balance due from your initial order and subtracting the amount of money that was collected electronically from online payments. The balance is split in half for this first payment. Two days prior to the draft, you will receive an email detailing the amount to be drafted. If your troop is unable to accommodate the scheduled draft, please notify the help desk at gshelper@comgirlscouts.org or by calling (804)746-0590 x316 no later than Tuesday, March 8th by 12:00 p.m.



If your troop currently doesn't have a Girl Scout bank account, please let us know by emailing the help desk at gshelper@comgirlscouts.org or calling (804)746-0590 x316.

Important Dates for the Cookie Program

Saturday, February 26, 2022

- Discounted shipping begins

Wednesday, March 9, 2022

- First ACH payment (50% of initial order)

Saturday, March 12, 2022

- Last day for discounted shipping

Friday, April 1, 2022

- Final day of main cupboard operation (smaller cupboards may close sooner)
- Troop recognition orders due in Smart Cookie
- Last day for online sales
- Final ACH draft

Flaming Arrows Archery Team



Did you know that Girl Scouts of the Commonwealth of Virginia have an archery team? Well, they do and they are good! The Flaming Arrows Archery Team is perfect for girls who are 10 years and older, who want to be part of our Competitive Archery Team. The Flaming Arrows Archery Team will compete at the Virginia Commonwealth Games on July 22nd-24th at Liberty University in Lynchburg.

We will be holding an informational meeting on Sunday, February 27th at 2:30 p.m. at Camp Pamunkey Ridge. Your Girl Scout will be able to sign up for the team at the informational meeting. For more information email gshelper@comgirlscouts.org

Friends of the Rappahannock Partner Program

We have a great partner program event coming up in Fredericksburg on March 5th with Friends of the Rappahannock!

Brownie and Junior level Girl Scouts will spend the morning (9:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m.) investigating current problems affecting our local waterway. Fun hands-on demonstrations and activities will help Girl Scouts better understand problems and walk away with solutions to help our river stay healthy. Discover the renewable natural resource of water as you design and test your own solution prototypes. Sign up for this event before it is too late at the link below!

* March 12th will be the rain date



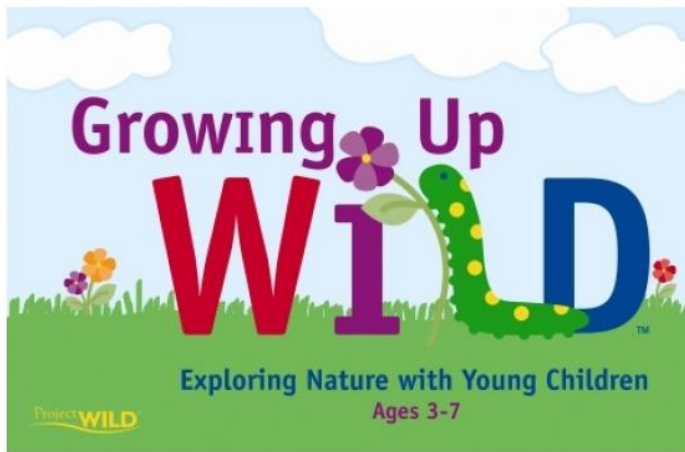
Cadettes, Seniors and Ambassadors will spend the afternoon (1-4:00 p.m.) taking action and help the community by engineering stormwater filters for the top pollutant affecting the Rappahannock River. All Girl Scouts will help make the world a better place by participating in action projects such as painting storm drains, creating public service announcements on storm drains, or planting trees as part of a riparian buffer zone. Sign up for this event before it is too late at the link below!

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[Sign me up!](#)

Training Registration

Growing Up WILD – Training for Daisy & Brownie Leaders



Growing Up WILD builds on Girl Scout Daisy's and Brownie's sense of wonder about nature and invites them to explore wildlife and the world around them. Through a wide range of activities and experiences, explore differences between living and non-living objects, basic needs and

characteristics of plants and animals. Leaders will receive a troop copy of the **Growing Up WILD guide** along with other resources to help conduct the activities with their troop. The Growing Up WILD guide supports many of the Daisy and Brownie badges, including the Outdoor Art, Math in Nature, Camping and more.

Registration is open now and closes March 26th. Troop leaders are encouraged to have one leader from their troop attend as the maximum class size is 25.

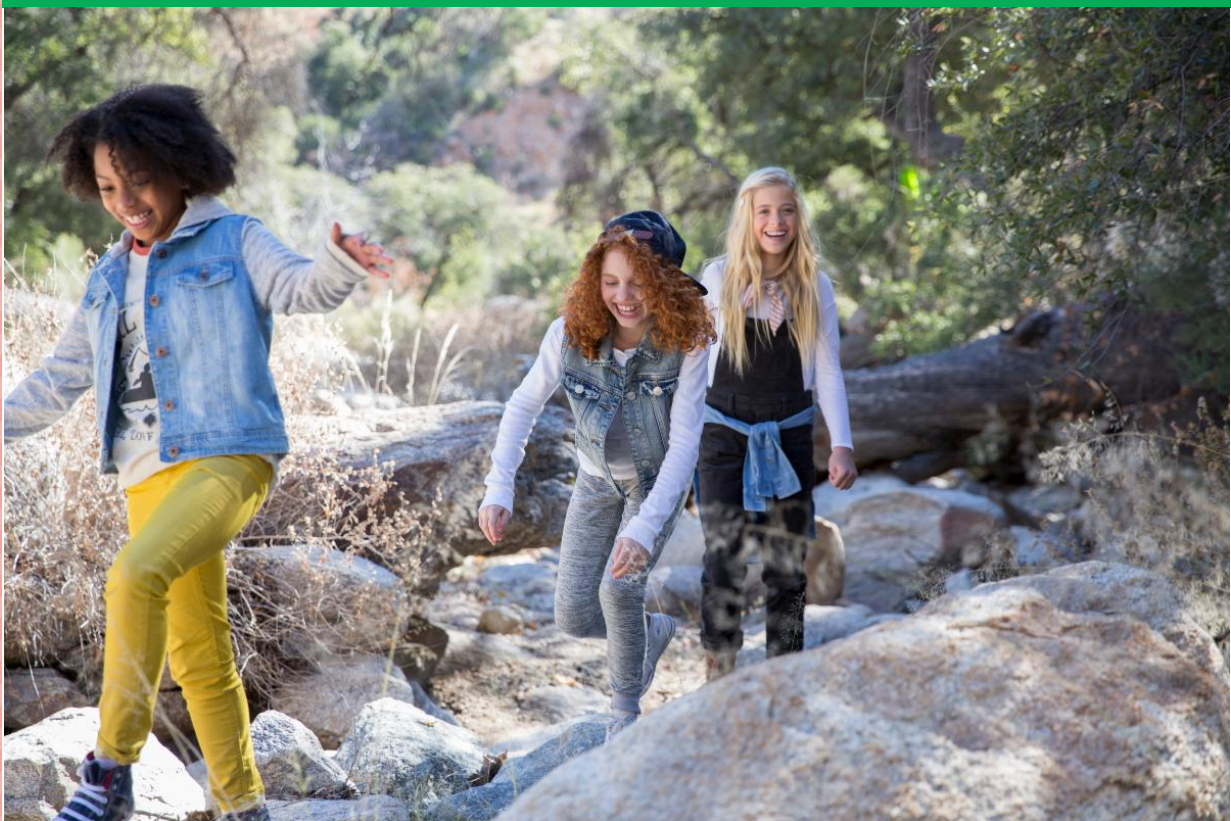
When: Saturday, April 9th at 9:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m.

Where: Camp Pamunkey Ridge

Cost: \$10

[Sign up here!](#)

Troop Trips and High-Risk Activities



The weather is warming and Girl Scouts are ready to travel and venture out! Is your troop

prepared? Do you need to secure permission approval for your trip or activity? The best way to ensure you have planned the most fun and safe trip or activity is to start with the short video "Planning a Troop Trip or High-Risk Activity" on gsLearn. It is all available through your MyGS login. If you have any questions or need assistance, please contact the GSCV help desk at gshelper@comgirlscouts.org

Sweet Items in the Retail Shop



Girl Scouts are hard at work selling cookies to fuel their next service project or adventure. We have some great patches to commemorate the memories made during the Cookie Program.

We have cookie themed thank you cards to send to all friends and family that purchased a box, or two, this year. Need a place to store all your cookies? We have you covered there too with our Girl Scout Cookie jar.

Make sure you stop by the shop to see what other sweet items you could score!



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